

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1-13 and 65 remain active in the case.

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to delete the expression "as defined herein" which described the swelling value. The swelling value is calculated using the procedure described on pages 10 and 11 of the specification. The specification uses the term "value" while the claims as originally filed use the term "ratio." The two terms are meant to be interchangeable but for convenience and consistency of expression, claims 1 and 9 have been amended to refer to value which is used in the specification, for instance, at pages 10 and 11 as well as in the tables found on pages 20 and 21 and elsewhere in the specification.

The claims of the parent application, now U.S. Patent 5,306,312, were directed to aliphatic amids as the dye diffusion promoting material. Claims 1-13 of the present application have been amended to refer to aromatic amids.

Further consideration of this application is requested.

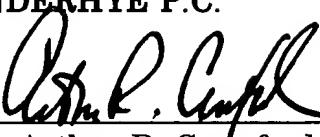
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